

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NOS. 2005-156-C, 1996-270-C and 1999-396-C - ORDER NO. 2005-407

JULY 25, 2005

IN RE:	Docket No. 2005-156-C – Request of PBT	)	ORDER APPROVING
	Communications, Inc. for Modification of	)	NAME MODIFICATION
	Name to Include d/b/a Comporium	)	
	Communications.	)	
		)	
	Docket No. 1996-270-C – Application of PBT	)	
	Communications, Inc. for a Certificate of	)	
	Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide	)	
	Resold Telecommunications Services within	)	
	the State of South Carolina.	)	
		)	
	Docket No. 1999-396-C – Application of PBT	)	
	Communications, Inc. for a Certificate of	)	
	Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide	)	
	Local Exchange Telecommunications	)	
	Services to Customers Located in Those	)	
	Areas of the State Being Served by BellSouth	)	
	Telecommunications, Inc., GTE South, Inc.	)	
	and United Telephone Company of the	)	
	Carolinas, Inc.	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the “Commission”) on the request of PBT Communications, Inc. (“PBT” or the “Company”) for approval of a modification of the Company’s name by which it will be doing business in South Carolina. PBT proposes to adopt Comporium Communications as a “doing business as” (“d/b/a”) or trade name with regard to offering telecommunications services in South Carolina.

In Docket No. 1996-270-C, PBT was granted authority to operate as a reseller of intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in South Carolina by Commission Order No. 97-139, dated February 20, 1997. By Order No. 98-948, dated December 1, 1998, PBT's authority was modified to allow PBT to provide telecommunications services through facilities in addition to providing services through resale. In Docket No. 1999-396-C, PBT was granted authority to provide local exchange services within operating areas of certain other telecommunications providers in South Carolina by Order No. 2000-011, dated January 5, 2000. Docket No. 2005-156-C was established upon the filing of the present request to include the d/b/a name of Comporium Communications.

Pursuant to the instructions of the Commission's Docketing Department, PBT published a Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation in the Company's service areas. PBT complied with this instruction and provided the Commission with proof of publication of the Notice of Filing. The purpose of the Notice was to provide notification of the present proceeding to any interested parties and to advise interested parties of the manner and time in which to file pleadings to participate in the docket. No protests or Petitions to Intervene were filed in this matter.

By letter from the Company's Vice President/Chief Regulatory Officer, dated May 9, 2005, PBT advises the Commission of the Company's intention to begin "doing business as" Comporium Communications in some of the Company's markets during the third quarter of this year. According to PBT, the Company is not changing its legal name nor does PBT propose to use the d/b/a Comporium Communications in all of its markets. PBT states that the Company will continue to use PBT Communications, Inc. in those

markets that it is currently operating in and in which it has built substantial good will and name recognition. The markets in which PBT will use the d/b/a Comporium Communications, according to PBT, are those markets where PBT is certificated to provide services but is not currently providing service. PBT asserts its belief that it will serve the interests of the Company's customers to use the Comporium Communications trade name in those geographic areas.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on July 19, 2005, the Commission reviewed the case before it, and after due consideration, the Commission concluded that the request of PBT for approval of an addition of a trade name to the Company's name should be granted.

The Commission's records will hereby be amended to reflect PBT's adoption of the trade name of Comporium Communications.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

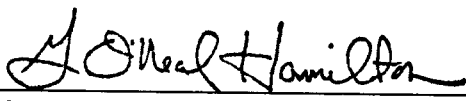
1. PBT Communications, Inc.'s request for approval of the addition of "doing business as" ("d/b/a") or trade name to the Company's name is approved, and PBT Communications, Inc. is hereby authorized to utilize "Comporium Communications" as a trade name for its telecommunications services in South Carolina.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
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Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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